

Application No. 10/731,976
Preliminary Amendment

Remarks

The present preliminary amendment has been filed to substantially conform this application to a PCT application recently filed.

The Examiner confirmed in a telephone interview on November 16, 2004, with the undersigned that the present application will not be taken up for action in the near future. Therefore, it is submitted that consideration of this preliminary amendment will not interfere with the Examiner's examination of this application.

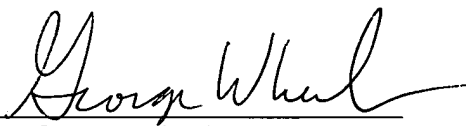
35 U.S.C. § 132 (Amendments Supported)

The claims are supported by the claims and drawing figures as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

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